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GWISE May Newsletter

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[PhD Candidates Choose Careers Outside Academia](#)
Phone surveys conducted by the Pew Research Center revealed that two-thirds of women between ages 18 and 34 cited a high-paying career among their top life priorities, up from 56% in 1997. At the same time, the number of women who said being a good parent was one of the most important things in their life increased 17 percentage points.

Hey GWISE!

We hope your summer is off to a great start! With classes out for the summer, you have a chance to focus on research and enjoy a slower pace.

GWISE has a great lineup for the summer. We have biweekly workout groups throughout the summer if you want to get active. If you have some extra reading time over the summer, we have both a professional development and a nonfiction book club. Keep an eye out for updates on our Accountability Groups and an Ice Cream Social later in the summer.

Stay tuned for more upcoming summer events on the [GWISE calendar](#). If you can't wait til the next one, you should join our team of volunteers to help out with events! Email gwise@bu.edu if you'd like to become a volunteer!

Looking forward to seeing you at the next event!

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Last Chance: GWISE Year End Survey

It's your last chance to win some great prizes! Want to win a free hour-long massage? How about a free mani or pedi? Or maybe a gift card to Amazon or Espresso Royale?! Take the (super short!) GWISE Year End Survey [HERE](#) by June 30th to be entered to win!

The key to a successful organization is its members! GWISE wants to hear from you! What events did you love? What events do you want to see more of? What times work best for you? We'd love your feedback so that we can provide the programming you want! Let us know how we're doing and how we can improve things for you.

As a special incentive for our members taking the survey, we are offering AMAZING PRIZES! Complete the survey by **JUNE 30th** for your chance to win one of the fabulous prizes below:

- Gift certificate good for an hour-long introductory massage (or equivalent spa service) at Massage Envy in Brookline
 - Gift certificate good for pedicure (or equivalent service) at MiniLuxe in Brookline
 - \$20 gift card to Amazon.com
 - (3) \$10 gift cards to Espresso Royale Cafe!
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GWISE Event: June Book Club - *A PhD is NOT Enough: A Guide to Survival in Science* by Peter J. Feibelman

Women, The New Superstars of Mobile Gaming

Women are yet again dominating another industry, the gaming world. With the increase of mobile games, the female audience is now a primary target with more than a quarter of women age 30 and over playing mobile games for more than three hours a day. As social gaming trends and mobile technology continue to grow, expect increasing participation from the female audience.

3 Questions to Determine if You Will Fit in at Work

When looking for a new job, it's important to research the culture of an organization to determine as best as possible whether you will thrive or walk away a stressed-out mess. Too often, people accept an offer with little understanding how the institution operates and whether the organization will stimulate your success and growth or stifle your aspirations. Read these three questions to help you determine what you need to discover before it's too late.

11 Tips to Better Public Speaking

Public speaking is critical to move ahead in today's workplace. You can become a better public speaker by making sure you understand the purpose of each speech that you give, to rehearse your speech, and to vary your style throughout the presentation to hold your audience's attention. And, let your passion show.

No Laughing Matter

New research shows that women leaders are often met with silence when they crack jokes. Men, on the hand, get a laugh at least 90percent of the

Date & Time: Thursday, June 14th, 12pm

Location: Alumni Board Room, SMG 7th floor

[RSVP HERE](#)

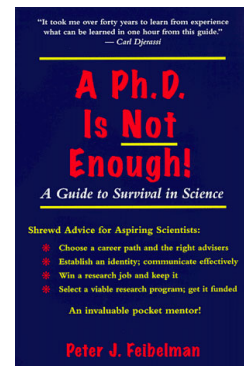
To start off the summer, GWISE Professional Development Book Club will be reading [A PhD Is Not Enough! A Guide to Survival in Science](#) by Peter J. Feibelman.

Despite your graduate education, brainpower, and technical prowess, your career in scientific research is far from assured. Permanent positions are scarce, science survival is rarely part of formal graduate training, and a good mentor is hard to find. This exceptional volume explains what stands between you and fulfilling long-term research career. Bringing the key survival skills into focus, *A Ph.D. Is Not Enough!* proposes a rational approach to establishing yourself as a scientist. It offers sound advice of selecting a thesis or postdoctoral adviser, choosing among research jobs in academia, government laboratories, and industry, preparing for an employment interview, and defining a research program. This book will help you make your oral presentations effective, your journal articles compelling, and your grant proposals successful. *A Ph.D. Is Not Enough* should be required reading for anyone on the threshold of a career in science.

Join the professional development GWISE book club series as we read and discuss this informative and thought-provoking book. GWISE has several copies; please contact Danna at dannag@gmail.com to borrow one.

Sign up for GWISE Accountability Groups!

Keep your eye out for the upcoming accountability groups application! GWISE will be starting goal oriented mentoring groups based on year, interests and career goals. Trying to write a paper? Thinking about applying for a fellowship? Stressing out about qualifying exams? Join an accountability group to help keep you on track! Stay tuned - applications will be coming soon.



GWISE Event: August Book Club - The *Satanic Verses* by Salman Rushdie

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[Discrimination Continues in Subtle Ways](#)

A new study led by Dr. Katherine L. Milkman at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, concludes that professors continue to discriminate against women and minorities.

[Free Apps for Scientists](#)

AWIS member Piper Klemm highlights 10 free smart phone apps that may be of interest to scientists looking to squeeze journal reading and science news into a hectic day.

[Don't Let Your Job Search Depress You](#)

Rejection or a complete lack of response to your application can begin to wear down your spirits, but keeping a positive outlook can enable you to spot new opportunities and make you more attractive to employers. Read these three quick tips for staying sane in a tough job market.

[Thank You for Your Support](#)

Accountability groups provide graduate students with a support system of peers and reduce feelings of isolation frequently encountered in graduate school.

[Women Must Overcome the Imposter Syndrome](#)

Google site reliability manager talks life, success and motivation at the Women in Advanced Computing conference.

[College Mentors Key to Prospective Female STEM Majors](#)

Participation of women in STEM fields is lacking, but outreach programs demonstrate that female role models help motivate high school students

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One of the most controversial and acclaimed novels ever written, [The Satanic Verses](#) is Salman Rushdie's best-known and most galvanizing book. Set in a modern world filled with both mayhem and miracles, the story begins with a bang: the terrorist bombing of a London-bound jet in midflight. Two Indian actors of opposing sensibilities fall to earth, transformed into living symbols of what is angelic and evil. This is just the initial act in a magnificent odyssey that seamlessly merges the actual with the imagined. A book whose importance is eclipsed only by its quality, [The Satanic Verses](#) is a key work of our times.



Join GWISE as we delve into this next book on our summer reading list. To borrow a copy, contact Rachel at rcs204@bu.edu.

GWISE Evening Fitness Group @ FitRec



**Days & Locations: From May 29th - August 9th
Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-8pm, FitRec RM 220**

Come join the free awesome GWISE workout group! The workouts include: cardio-kickboxing, core, stability ball and more.

If you'd like to be in the group and get updates about the schedule, please add yourself to the gwise-fitness google group: <http://groups.google.com/group/gwise-fitness>

Contact Lauren at lmangano@bu.edu if you have any questions.

AWIS EVENT: Finding Joy--How to Choose Your Next Lab or Workplace

Date & Time: Monday, June 25, 6:00-9:00 pm

Location: Broad Auditorium, 7 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, MA 02142

Broad Institute is very close to Kendall/MIT red line T station.

This presentation will give you practical tips for what to look for and how to find it when choosing a new lab for your research or when considering culture of a company that wants to hire you. It is worth a little pre-work to make sure your next place of work will be a good fit and get you close to where you want to go in the future. A must hear for all young scientists.

Speaker: **Dr. Kamens** obtained her BA in Biology from the University of Pennsylvania and her Ph.D. in Genetics from Harvard University. She has worked for 20 years in both pharma and biotech drug discovery settings with oligonucleotide, small molecule, and biologic therapeutics. She is currently the Executive Director

to pursue STEM majors in college.

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of Addgene, the non-profit plasmid repository. Dr. Kamens was the founding president of the Massachusetts AWIS chapter, was instrumental in starting the MASS AWIS Mentoring Circle program and currently serves as Director at Large for the HBA (Healthcare Business Women's Association).

MASS AWIS would like to thank The Broad Institute and Emmanuel College for sponsoring this event.

To learn more about Mass-AWIS and other upcoming AWIS events, please visit: www.mass-awis.org.

\$10 for other students, post docs, AWIS members & Broad employees

\$20 for all other attendees

To register, visit <http://www.acteva.com/go/mass-awis>

Join AWIS to save money on events and to support our mission!

AWIS EVENT: Join a Mentoring Circle!

Announcing the MASS-AWIS 2012-2013

MENTORING CIRCLE PROGRAM: Recruiting Mentees

Need career advice?

Need help with at-work conflict?

Need tips on how to balance work and family?

Then get advice from experienced women in science!!

Sign up now to become a mentee!

What is an AWIS Mentoring Circle?

A Mentoring Circle consists of 3-5 women with a scientific background who are committed to meeting monthly to support one another with advice, encouragement, and information. Each circle will be coordinated and aided by at least one experienced mentor and one connector.

Who will be in my circle?

The MASS-AWIS mentoring committee will review submitted surveys and match you with a circle based on interest, career goals, geography, and other factors.

What will we talk about? Are we just going to sit around and complain?

The mentoring circle is a mechanism for sharing frustrations with peers but the focus is on career growth and problem solving in a supportive environment. The group will decide how it wants to handle the schedule, but MASS-AWIS will provide you with a sourcebook of ideas and articles to help start conversation. All participants should be willing to both give and get professional and personal support from other talented women in the scientific

community. Mentors will help guide and promote productive discussions in the circle.

How do I join the MASS-AWIS Mentoring Circle Program as a mentee?

- You must be a MASS-AWIS chapter member to participate.
- You must apply to the program online by filling out the application on our website

www.mass-awis.org. Deadline is June 30th, 2012.

For more information: www.mass-awis.org

Application Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Mentee2012-2013>

IT Resource: Computing Tutorials

In response to a request at last semester's tutorials for grad student-oriented sessions after the end of the semester, Engineering IT will be running tutorials on:

Tuesday June 19
Thursday June 21
Monday June 25
all from 4-6pm in LSEB (24
Cummington St) basement
room B04.

We will go through hands-on exercises covering basic UNIX/Linux usage, C/shell and commercial application scripting, and an introduction to "embarrassingly parallel" batch job submission on the ENG-Grid, and then continue job submission exercises, and provide additional instruction for individuals who wish to work on message-passing parallel techniques (MPI) and GPU (CUDA) techniques. Users who are new to the UNIX/Linux command line are requested to skim through this book (available for free online when logging in from BU) before their first session, especially if they can't make it to the first session and wish to jump right in at the second

or third session:

[http://
proquestcombo.safaribookson
line.com/9780321657893](http://proquestcombo.safaribooksonline.com/9780321657893)

Users who are already comfortable with UNIX/Linux are requested to go through the Grid Instructions at [http://
collaborate.bu.edu/moin/
Grid/GridInstructions](http://collaborate.bu.edu/moin/Grid/GridInstructions)

Please RSVP to kamalic@bu.edu with any questions, as well as a sentence about your experience and what you hope to learn at the tutorial, along with which dates you are interested in coming to. We will target the content of the sessions based on your RSVP responses, although anyone who has not RSVP'd is still welcome to come.

Additionally, the Scientific Computing and Visualization Group is running more specific-application tutorials throughout the month. Please RSVP for these at [http://
www.bu.edu/tech/training/
classroom/scv-tutorials/](http://www.bu.edu/tech/training/classroom/scv-tutorials/)

Networking Opportunity: Tech, Drugs, and Rock and Roll

Date & Time: July 24, 4:00-8:00 pm

Location: 775 Commonwealth Avenue, George Sherman Union, 2nd Floor

We look forward to welcoming you to another evening of entertainment and innovation! Mark your calendars for the third annual Tech, Drugs & Rock n' Roll networking conference where we celebrate innovation in a high energy fashion. The atmosphere encourages interaction between the business and science communities to build relationships that lead to innovative collaborations.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Professional Development Resource: Career Advising with Lauren Celano

Looking for assistance as you go through your job search? If so, take advantage of GMS career development resources and support. Lauren Celano, career consultant will help you with resume and cover letter review, interviewing skills and mock interviews, negotiating a job offer, identifying career goals, networking tips, and more.

To schedule an appointment with Lauren, send an email to Yolanta@bu.edu Beginning May 11, 2012,

Lauren Celano's Advising Hours:

**On Site: Second and Fourth Friday of each month from 3:30 – 5:30 P.M.
Room L-315**

Off Site: First and Third Saturday of each month from 10:00 A.M. - Noon

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